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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN

TRADE UNION UNITY

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1. SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
TRADE UNION UNITY ENDED APRIL 23. CONFEREES FROM 28
AFRICAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IS UED DECLARATION OF
SOLIDARITY AGAINST CONSPIRACIES, SCHEMES OF IMPERIALIST
AND ZIONISTS OPPOSED TO THOSE STRUGGLING FOR LIBERA-
TION AND INDEPENDENCE OF AFRICA. ONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED
ECHOED JALLOU AND NEFFISHI ACCUSATION "REACTIONARIES"
ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN TRIPOLI
(REFTEL).

2. ANOTHER RESOLUTION CALLED FOR RAPID IMPLEMENTATION
OF INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO IMMEDIATE AND
UNCONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOMALI COAST
(DJIBOUTI), RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES,

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REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES, ELIMINATION OF FRENCH FORTI-

FICATIONS AND MILITARY BASES PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.
FRANCE WAS ALSO CALLED UPON TO CANCEL PLAN FOR
REFERENDUM IN DJIBOUTI AND BEGIN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS
FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE WITH THE SOMALI COAST LIBERATION
FRONT AND AFRICAN POPULAR LEAGUE PARTY, THE "GENUINE
REPRESENTATIVES OF SOMALI PEOPLE."

3. FINAL RESOLUTION DENOUNCED TUNISIAN TRADE UNION,
IMPERIALISTS, CONSPIRACIES AND ZIONISTS.

4. COMMENT: NEBULOUS CONDEMNATION OF "IMPERIALISTS
AND ZIONISTS IN FINAL RESOLUTIONS WERE PREDICTABLE
FROM OPENING NOTE OF CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, SPECIFIC
EMPHASIS ON RATHER OBSCURE ISSUE OF FRENCH MINE
FIELDS AROUND DJIBOUTI AND REPATRIATION OF SOMALI
REFUGEES SUGGESTS AFRICAN LABOR DELEGATES WERE MINDFUL
OF NOTE OF CAUTION SOUNDED BY OAU CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN
LABOR MINISTERS' COMMISSION (REFTEL). LARG APPEAL
FOR IDENTIFICATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN LABOR UNIONS
AND AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS DID NOT MATERILAZE IN
FORM OF RESOLUTION. REASON MAY HAVE BEEN OAU CHAIRMAN'S
WARNING THAT UNIONS SHOULD MAINTAIN HARMONY WITH THEIR
GOVERNMENTS. WARNING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HEEDDED
PARTICULARLY BY DELEGATES IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE
INDIGIOUS INSURGENT MOVEMENTS EXIST AGAINST THEIR
GOVERNMENTS.
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